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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in response to the Office Action, dated June 4, 2003, which issued in connection with the above-identified application. As this Amendment and Response is being filed within the two (2) months shortened statutory period to respond, Applicant respectfully requests an advisory action be issued in the above-identified application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number 50-0436 for any deficiency or overpayment of fees necessary for this extension. This Response is being timely filed.